

City of Brampton WARDS 3 & 4 FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



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Fall is upon us, and after a busy summer of community events and resident meetings, we are pleased to share updates on our commitment to advocate for and make positive changes in Wards 3&4 in relation to resident safety, housing, student and senior supports and the development of our vibrant City.

The City of Brampton has taken action to reinforce community safety with further investments in local by-law enforcement. An **Enforcement Operational Review** was conducted to enhance efficiency, effectiveness and compliance of the City's by-laws and operations. The City has started work on the 28 recommendations made in the review, with the first step being to implement a Stabilization Staffing Model, which includes hiring 38 by-law & enforcement officers and 2 support positions. Key steps include adding new supervisory roles, improving training and increasing our fleet and technology.

In early September, the City officially opened its new **Automated Speed Enforcement Processing Centre**. The ASE Processing Centre will enable the City to process more images, deter speeding, and increase road safety. As one of the largest municipal ASE camera programs in Ontario, we are leading the way in creating safer streets with an ambitious plan to deploy 185 ASE cameras by the end of summer 2025. This summer 20 new cameras (2 in each ward) were installed.

We are proud to announce a **\$29.8 million dollar investment** from the Ontario government that will support the development of 12,900 housing units and enhancing infrastructure within the City. These projects will improve water capacity, drainage, stormwater management and create new economic development opportunities, green spaces and community amenities. This investment brings us one step closer to realizing Riverwalk.

As we prepare for the colder weather, we would like to remind residents of the **City's Snow Removal Financial Assistance Program** for seniors and physically challenged homeowners to help with costs for removing snow from sidewalks and driveways. The grant provides \$300 for non-corner lot properties or up to \$400 for corner lot properties with sidewalks on two sides of the property and where both sidewalks are not cleared by City forces. Visit www.brampton.ca/snowgrant for information on the 2024/25 snow removal financial assistance application.

As your representatives for Wards 3 and 4, we look forward to speaking with you regarding any concerns or ideas you may have to improve our community. We encourage you to contact us at martin.medeiros@brampton.ca and dennis.keenan@brampton.ca.

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WINTER IN THE CITY

Bundle up for winter adventures and family-friendly activities. Sign up for exciting winter camps, participate in free outdoor skating, explore fun-filled activities at Mount Chinguacousy, Family Day programs and more! Keep active all winter long with over eight outdoor skating rinks across the city including in Gage Park, Chinguacousy Park, Boreham Park, Mount Pleasant, Gore Meadows, Sesquicentennial Park and others. Two more outdoor rinks will be added this year – stay tuned for details!



ANNUAL BUDGET PLANNING UNDERWAY

Planning has begun for the City of Brampton's 2025 Budget. Building on this year's \$546 million investment in new capital projects and priority investments in infrastructure, transportation, recreational amenities, health care and community safety, the 2025 Budget will support key priorities in our Corporate Strategic Plan and continue to build the Brampton advantage.

The City is hosting a series of public engagement opportunities to better understand what matters most to Brampton residents and businesses. Find out how you can get involved at brampton.ca/budget



PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Earlier this year, the City endorsed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Five-Year Review and Update (PRMP). PRMP is a 15-year guiding document for the delivery of parks, open space, recreation and sports facilities to promote active and healthy lifestyles. Priority areas include uniting and supporting neighbourhood revitalization, connecting Bramptonians to the outdoors and planning for growth in greenfield areas. To learn more and review the PRMP highlights, visit brampton.ca/prmp



INTRODUCING THE NEW BUILDING AND BUSINESS PORTAL

The Building division has launched a new online portal. This one-stop online service will enable our customers to complete tasks such as applying for permits and booking inspections. This collaborative workspace will streamline the interaction between applicants, homeowners and Building staff. By creating an account, customers benefit from a smoother, more efficient building permit process from start to finish. To access the new portal, visit brampton.ca/bbportal



STORMWATER SAFETY

Rain is an essential part of life, but too much rain can cause flooding, erosion and pollution. As climate change progresses, we are seeing more frequent and intense rainstorms. Taking small actions at home can reduce the harmful impacts of stormwater runoff.

Here are some steps you can take to protect your home from flooding:

- watch where the stormwater flows
- check the slope of your yard and downspout placement
- keep gutters, roof downspouts and drains clear
- cover construction materials or stockpiles to prevent debris from entering storm sewers

Learn more at brampton.ca/rainready



LEADING THE WAY IN CREATING SAFER STREETS

Road safety is a top priority and the City is taking significant steps to address dangerous driving behaviours. Brampton's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program uses cameras and speed measurement devices to enforce speed limits, reminding drivers to slow down. With 50 cameras currently in operation, the program will expand to 185 cameras by 2025, including the addition of a new regional processing center.

Stunt driving, as defined in the Highway Traffic Act, includes driving at excessive speeds, racing and other reckless actions. Those charged with stunt driving face severe consequences, including license suspension, vehicle impoundment and heavy fines. Brampton's proactive approach to road safety demonstrates our commitment to ensuring safer streets for all. Learn more at brampton.ca/ASE



DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE

Feeding wildlife is dangerous for both animals and residents. Residents must secure garbage bins, properly dispose of waste and pick up spilled bird seeds. Leaving food out, improper garbage disposal and spilled bird seeds are prohibited, including in residential areas and parks. Learn more at brampton.ca/animalservices

TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Before having a tree removed from your property, the City's Urban Forestry team must be notified. Property owners do not require permission to prune privately owned trees. Visit brampton.ca/trees to learn about the Tree Preservation By-law and the role you play in protecting trees on private property.



CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS

Brampton Fire and Emergency Services urges you to protect your family from the dangers of carbon monoxide—an odorless, tasteless and invisible gas that can be deadly. Make sure to install carbon monoxide alarms near sleeping areas, test them monthly and replace batteries every 10 years. Get more safety tips at BramptonFire.com



PREPARE YOUR 72-HOUR EMERGENCY KIT

Emergencies can occur suddenly and help may take up to 72 hours to arrive. Ensure you're ready by assembling an emergency kit with non-perishable food, water, extra keys, cash, warm blankets, toiletries, a first aid kit, medications and pet supplies. Learn more at brampton.ca/prepared



FIREWORKS SAFETY

Under the Fireworks By-Law, the use, purchase, discharge, possession, display, sale and offer to sell of fireworks is prohibited in Brampton. Sparklers are permitted. Penalties range from \$500 to \$1,000 and up to \$100,000 if a court summons is issued. Learn more at brampton.ca/fireworks



HOW TO PAY A CITY PARKING TICKET

If you receive a Penalty Notice for a parking infraction, you must pay or dispute it within 15 days of the date it is issued. Payments can be made online, in-person, by telephone or by mail. For details, visit brampton.ca/APS

COMBATTING AUTO THEFT

As your area representatives, crime and safety are a top priority for us. We've heard your concerns and will continue to work hard on addressing issues such as auto theft, road safety and intimate partner violence with our partners at Peel Regional Police. We will also continue to invest in our community. In the last year, Peel Regional Police has added 135 new officers, 96 civilian professionals and 10 cadets to better serve the public, tackle frontline needs and improve response times.

The City of Brampton has taken a proactive approach in combatting auto theft through various advocacy efforts. We have advocated for an increase in Canada Border and Security Agency officers inspecting containers exiting Canada to prevent stolen vehicles from leaving the country and have called on Ontario based auto manufacturers to develop enhanced security components for their vehicles.

Earlier this year, the City joined the National Summit to combat auto theft, voice local concerns and advocate for institutional change. Moreover, in March, the Peel Regional Police, in collaboration with policing partners from across the GTHA, hosted their 2nd Annual Auto Theft Summit to shed light on the growing issue. The summit explored innovative solutions and strategies to combat auto theft and included more than 150 stakeholders from various industries. The summit concluded with recommendations calling on enhanced enforcement at ports and targeted legislation and sanctions to curb organized crime. Peel Regional Police has doubled their Auto Crimes Unit to better tackle the issue.

As a start, the City has made Signal Blocking Pouches available to qualifying residents to help protect their vehicles and store keys fobs in. We encourage you to contact our offices to request a signal blocking pouch. The City will continue to bring forward potential solutions, advocate for the safety of residents and work collaboratively with all levels of government to create a safer Canada for everyone.



Council members at Peel Regional Police's new 23 Division groundbreaking ceremony. (June 2024)



Councillor Medeiros at Hockey Night in Brampton. This year's event raised an incredible \$14M for the William Osler Health System Foundation. (August 2024)



Councillor Medeiros celebrating Canada Day with the Bonnie Braes Seniors Club. (July 2024)



Councillor Medeiros at Masjid Sirat al Mustaqim's annual BBQ with Charmaine Williams, Peter Shah, Imam Luqman. (June 2024)



Councillor Medeiros at 5th Annual Spring Fair Fundraiser for Parkway Public School. (June 2024)



Councillor Medeiros at the launch of Brampton's Youth Cricket League at County Court Park. (July 2024)



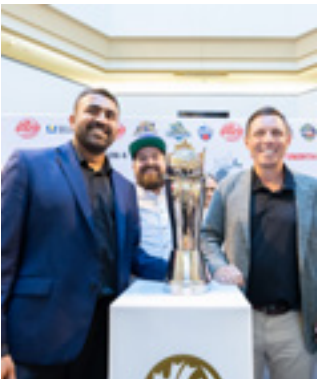
Councillor Medeiros at JAYS CARE Foundation & Boys and Girls Club Peel's Club Day. (July 2024)



Councillor Medeiros touring Emterra Group's demonstration of the first electric/zero emission waste collection truck in his role as Chair of Waste Management. (June 2024)



Councillor Keenan participating in the delegation with MPP Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care at the AMO Conference in Ottawa. (August 2024)



Councillor Keenan celebrating the opening ceremonies for the GT20, hosted in Brampton. (July 2024)



Councillor Keenan at the extremely successful 3rd Annual Hockey Night in Brampton. (August 2024)



Councillor Keenan celebrating Pakistan's Independence Day at their flag raising. (August 2024)



Councillor Keenan joining Peel Regional Police Acting Inspector Brad Stafford #2058 for a nighttime Ride-Along. (August 2024)



Councillor Keenan attending Osler Strong Days honouring their staff, physicians and volunteers. (August 2024)



Councillors Medeiros and Keenan at Mayor Brown's golf tournament, presenting a cheque of \$50,000 to the Knights Table. (July 2024)



Councillor Keenan and Mayor Brown presenting a Grand Opening certificate to Golf Almighty, a new Downtown Brampton business. (Sept 2024)

CITY EVENTS

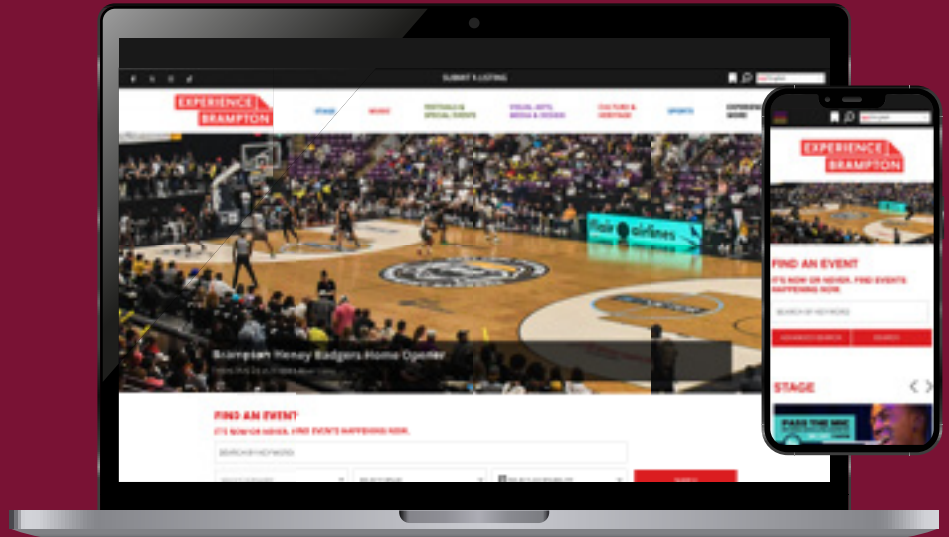
Diwali | **November 1**

Remembrance Day Services & Parades | **November 3 & 11**

Winter Lights Festival | **November 15 & 16**

New Year's Eve Celebration | **December 31**

This is a selection of events, to see the full list visit experiencebrampton.ca



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